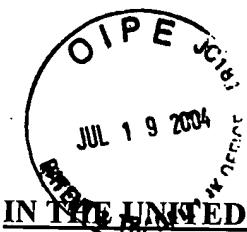


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated June 21, 2004, in which pending claims 1-4 and 7-37 are subject to a Restriction and/or Election Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect what the Examiner characterized as the invention of Group I encompassing claims 1-4, 7-26, 36 and 37.

Should the Restriction and/or Election Requirement be made final, Applicants expressly reserve the right to represent the non-elected Group II claims (i.e., claims 27-35) in a divisional application, if necessary.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for the submission of this response. However, Applicants hereby authorize Commissioner to charge any fees, including fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4750). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

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